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Speaker at State Conference

A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

First Church, Oakland, will be ready for you—all of you pastors and lay people who will be attending the annual meeting of the Conference. Committees are working hard to find housing. Everyone expecting to attend who cannot secure hotel reservation should write at once to Mrs. Ewell F. Scott, care of the First Congregational Church, 26th and Harrison Streets, Oakland 12. Those sending reservations first will secure the accommodations that are available. Those who are too late will be notified. First come, first served, with not enough to go around.

The women of the church will serve a dinner for men on Wednesday evening, luncheons for the women and for the ministers on Thursday noon, and a Conference banquet on Thursday evening. Reservations should be sent to the church in advance, and tickets secured the moment you reach the church.

Moderator Fred R. Morrow will call the Conference to order at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, October 17. Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda will be the chaplain. His subjects will be "The Faith Revealed," "Faith of Our Fathers," "The Faith We Share," and "The Faith We Declare."

Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, will give three major addresses: "Living Between the Times," "Fact and Fancy About the Return to Religion," and "The Church Faces Its Mission."

The theme of Superintendent Gill's address and report will be "The Heavenly Vision Comes Down to Earth," and Field Secretary Meyer has announced the subject "Ye Are the Body of Christ and Members in Particular."

Four of our ministers, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, Mr. Roy Nichols, and Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, will present a symposium and forum on race relations. Prof. H. E. Wornom will tell us "Why we fail—and how we might succeed in training youth in Christian living." Mrs. E. E. McClintock of Chicago will address the Conference on "Our Church in One World," and will speak at the women's luncheon on "Facing Forward and Outward." The Conference sermon by Rev. Godfrey Matthews will be on "Man's Redemption of Man," and Prof. James Muilenburg, who will soon go to Union Seminary in New York, will challenge us with "Our Christian Faith in such a time as this."

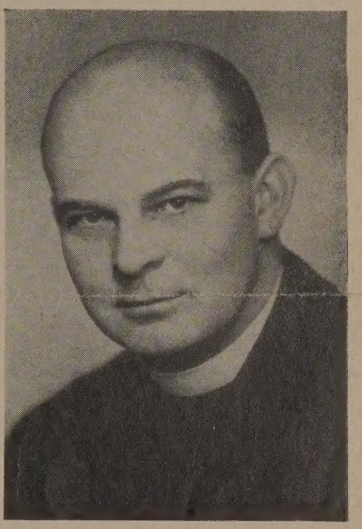
"The Church and the New Day," presented by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Rev. Buell Gallagher, Rev. Vere V Loper, and Supt. Nelson C. Dreier, will furnish one of the most rewarding hours of the Conference.

Rev. Stephen C. Peabody will report on his very valuable experience on a self-survey of a church, how it goes about it and what it accomplishes. The proposal for union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be presented by Rev. Jason Hoffman of the Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, San Francisco, and our own Rev. Edward F. Ouellette of Petaluma. Rt. Rev. Sumner Walters, president, will set forth achievements of the Northern California Council of Churches.

Committees and officers will report. New officers will be elected. The Committee on Christian Education will have excellent exhibits. The men's dinner, described in another column, will be a time of splendid fellowship.

Registration for the Conference will be $1.00 per person.

From beginning to end it will be a time of spiritual uplift, intellectual stimulus, and worthwhile planning.



REV. TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS
State Conference Speaker

New Church

Monday, October 2, marked the consummation of the preliminary organization of the South Berkeley Community Church by its reception into the membership of the Bay Association. The committee of the Association, consisting of Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Mrs. Scott Haymond, and Moderator Don F. Gaylord, made its report describing the organization of the church, its covenant and By-Laws, its budget, and its accomplishments. Further statements were made by the pastors, Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Buell Gallagher. A charter membership of close to 150, with a budget of about $6000, and a full complement of officers, are now functioning. The vote to approve the steps thus far taken and to receive the church was unanimous.

Following an excellent turkey dinner, served by the church, a public service of worship was held which was attended not only by members of the Association but by a large number of the people of the church. The sermon was preached by Supt. Harley H. Gill; the Scripture was read by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach; Rev. Vere V. Loper offered the consecrating prayer; Rev. Robert Inglis gave the charge to the church; Mr. Roy Nichols, one of the pastors, responded to the charge; and Rev. Ralph V. Conard extended the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Buell G. Gallagher, co-pastor, opened the service with a call to worship and closed it with the benediction.

Thus was completed the organization and reception of three new churches during the year 1944.

Photographic Contest

An amateur photographic contest to portray evidences of goodwill or lack of it among people of different color, race, or creed is being sponsored by the Interracial Committee of Plymouth Congregational Church of Oakland. The contest will close December 1, and any resident of the Bay area of any age is eligible. Liberal prizes are offered. Full rules of the contest may be secured from Miss Mary Coxhead, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 11.

DO IT NOW

N. F. Sanderson, for the third year chairman of the Unit Plan, appointed by the Laymen's Commission, is asking pastors and churches to see or send in the names of people who can give a unit of $100 or more. $9,870.00 has already been raised in Northern California, which is more than three full years of our quota, which for the ten years will total $30,000. It is earnestly hoped that the full balance can be raised in the next year or two while people may be better able to give than later on. Mr. Sanderson points out that Series G and F War Bonds, made in the name of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, are excellent gifts. In this way one may help the war effort, may secure substantial credit on income tax, and help to maintain the $500 a year annuity for a large group of our aged ministers. Mr. Sanderson can be addressed at 1331 Court Street, Martinez, California.

The Laymen's Commission of the Conference has made a suggestion to all of our pastors that plans should be made in advance whereby services will be held in our churches, or in cooperation with other churches, on "V-Day." These services should be in the nature of a memorial for those whose lives have been offered, of gratitude for Divine leadership, and of supplication for the safety of those who much carry on in the Pacific.

Gibbons' Visit

The visit of Director Ray Gibbons of the national Council for Social Action was very worthwhile. In company with our own Galen Fisher, clinics for ministers were held in San Mateo, Fresno, Lodi and South Berkeley. On each day there was discussion as to the preparation which churches might well make for the return of loyal Japanese Americans to California when the Army lifts the ban, and of the plans which the C.S.A. has in mind. Field Secretary Meyer participated in the first three of the clinics and Prof. Buell Gallagher and Supt. Gill in the fourth. There was a splendid attendance of Pilgrim Fellowship young people for two hours on Sunday afternoon, September 17. Dr. Gibbons preached at Oakland Plymouth and San Francisco First, gave the anniversary address at Sacramento, and spent several hours discussing housing projects with leaders at Marin City, Richmond, Oakland, Alameda, and San Lorenzo.

Reports from the entire country, gathered by the Missions Council, show a gain in missionary giving for the first seven months of the year amounting to a little more than $68,000, or about 10½ per cent over the corresponding period of 1943. Almost every major state has made a gain and the Pacific Coast area while representing only 16 per cent of the giving of the country shows 22 per cent of the gain.

San Lorenzo Village

One of the rarest and most challenging opportunities presented to a church and the Conference is the new San Lorenzo Village. Thirteen hundred twenty-nine six-room houses, each on a lot of 50 by 100 feet, are under process of construction and will be completed soon after January first. About three hundred of them are already occupied. The Federal Government has approved $240,000 for the erection of a school building. There will be a huge super market and smaller shops. The firm subdividing the property is providing a community center and three playgrounds. The center of the project is just one-half mile from the San Lorenzo Christian Union Church, which has been in fellowship with us for many years and which has been under the care of Rev. W. Wallace Furze during recent years.

The Superintendents' Council has allocated the new Village to our Conference. It is hoped that arrangement may be made whereby one of the new houses will be available to the minister, and an option has been taken on one of the two sites provided for churches.

A plan, whereby the San Lorenzo Christian Union Church will be the nucleus of a greatly expanded organization and, in consideration of help by the Conference, will cooperate in the building of a new church plant within the project, has been presented to the Church and the Conference Board.

Rev. Homer A. Schwarz has been secured as pastor and is already at work. For the time being the old church building will be used. Mr. Schwarz is a graduate of Chapman College and of Andover-Newton Theological School. He has been pastor of the Youth Church in the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles a little more than one year, associated with Rev. J. W. Fifield, Jr. Mrs. Schwarz is the former Barbara White, daughter of Prof. Hugh Vernon White, recently come to Pacific School of Religion.

FOR SALE—The Conference owns a good 1934 four-door Ford sedan, which will be sold at a bargain. Consult Superintendent Gill.

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STILL IT COMES

Careful estimates of the damage to the Port Chicago church and parsonage were made by several contractors. The contract was finally placed with one and repairs and renovations are well under way. Rev. N. F. Sanderson continues to be the representative of the Conference in handling business affairs, and he also conducts services on Sunday and is ad interim pastor. Money continues to come in from churches that were unable to make their offerings during the summer. The total list, including that which was published a month ago, is as follows:

Adin	$ 13.00
Alameda	120.89
Alturas	12.00
Angels Camp	27.00
Berkeley, First	253.03
North	37.20
South Community	15.00
Cedarville	13.50
Cloverdale	11.00
Crockett	39.06
Elk Grove	28.00
Eureka	20.00
Fairfax	40.65
Ferndale	50.00
Fresno, Free Cross	95.95
Pilgrim Armenian	50.00
Kenwood	5.00
Likely	16.25
Lodi, Ebenezer	83.00
Lodi, First	122.85
Martinez	30.00
Murphys	11.00
Oakland, Bethany Armenian	15.40
Fruitvale	25.00
Plymouth	47.80
Pacific Grove	25.00
Petaluma	52.55
Porterville	20.53
Redwood City	90.00
Rio Vista	60.00
Ripon	75.35
San Carlos	50.00
Salida	15.00
San Francisco,—	
Calvary Armenian	9.00
Ocean View	5.00
San Lorenzo	15.00
Santa Cruz	25.00
Sebastopol	12.50
Soquel	7.50
Weaverville	10.00
	$1,637.01

MISS EDWARDS ORDAINED

On September 19, at a council called by the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Miss Grace Edwards was examined and received ordination. Miss Edwards is a graduate of the University of California and has taken work at Pacific School of Religion and Chicago Divinity School. She has done student summer service work in southern Illinois and in Maine and was associated with the Bryn Mawr Community Church of Chicago. She goes to Aleppo as a teacher under the American Board for a period of years. Miss Edwards is a granddaughter of Rev. George C. Adams, who was for many years the distinguished pastor of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco. The ordination sermon was preached by President A. C. McGiffert; the ordination prayer was offered by Prof. James Muilenburg; and other parts in the service were cared for by Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Gordon L. Foster, Rev. George Williams, Rev. Hugh Vernon White and Rev Vere V. Loper.

Codornices Village

Typical of housing projects for war workers all over our country, but of especial interest to residents of northern California, is Codornices Village, lying partly in Berkeley and partly in Albany. A piece of unused industrial land has been transformed into a village with 1,800 housing units to provide for 7,500 residents.

Such a new, rapidly growing, and therefore uncoordinated community needs help of every sort to make it a home-like spot and not just a place where people eat and sleep.

The Federal Housing Administration provides for school, health and recreational needs, but rightly leaves religious matters to national Boards and to the churches of Berkeley and Albany. They are doing their share through War Emergency Funds. Though 300 Navy families are served by Navy chaplains, and a small group of Catholics are cared for by their priests, there remain 6,000 Protestants of several races with whom we are particularly concerned. The Village has provided a hall for services, and the churches have secured a full-time white clergyman and a part-time Negro minister. Already a Sunday School is under way and regular church services are being held. The people of the Village not only live in the same area and work in neighboring war plants, but also worship together. Surely this is a valuable project for these times with people from many different states needing our assistance to live constructively during their stay in California. Within two years after the close of the war, the work will become unnecessary and our help be diverted into other channels.

Of course, most of our War Fund is still being used for work overseas, particularly with children, the brightest hope of the future. We have given almost a million dollars in four years. Can we not do even better?

MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

Clothing Relief

October 14 is the final date for free pick-up (by Army trucks) of clothing for European Relief, with October 21 as the deadline for accepting clothes, according to Mr. A. W. Kirby, U. S. Treasury Procurement Division, San Francisco, who is the agent for UNRA in this area.

"Arrangements have been made for U. S. Army trucks to pick up this clothing for Europe during the week of October 9-14, and deliver it to a warehouse designated by the Government for further processing.

"Please notify us (Mr. Kirby, U.S.T. P.D., 30 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 2, Calif.) at once of the location at which clothing is to be picked up and the approximate total gross weight. You will be notified later as to the exact day pickup will be made.

"Any clothing collected subsequent to October 14 but not later than the deadline of October 21 may be delivered by you to National Automotive Fibres, Inc., care of A. Ferer & Co., First and Linden Sts., Oakland, Calif."

Although very inadequate notice of the used clothing drive was given, many churches are responding very well. It is not too late to do something about it. All types of clean used clothes (except shoes) are urgently needed. Ministers have received information as to sorting. Get to work these last few days!

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is giving a series of Sunday evening sermons on "How God Works" and how scientists have differed about it. Midshipman Edward D. Gates, student at Pacific School of Religion in preparation for chaplaincy in the Navy, is now on the church staff.

Last Quarter

Many churches evidently overlooked making their remittances in September, as evidenced by the number of blanks appearing in the first column. There is one newcomer in the list, the Northbrae Community Church, which, while not in direct fellowship with our denomination, is planning to make contributions to us from time to time. We are still well ahead of 1943, but three months remain to tell the story whether the increase will be "substantial and courageous" as called for by our national leaders.

CHURCH	Sept. 1944	Jan.1 to Sept.30,'44	Jan.1 to Sept.30,'43
Adin	$	$	$ 6.47
Alameda	60.64	617.33	525.82
Alturas	.....	58.60	77.53
Angels Camp	.....	37.59	75.00
Antioch	.....	58.34	24.43
Auburn	10.00	121.60	90.00
Benicia	.....	.....	41.61
Berkeley, Arlington	18.20	65.80	20.00
First	314.87	4,336.91	3,791.04
North	32.65	413.14	390.81
Northbrae	304.50	304.50	.....
Park	.....	.....	171.24
Campbell	.....	155.00	157.50
Cedarville	.....	50.00	50.00
Cloverdale	4.35	81.71	63.12
Cotati	.....	86.14	44.95
Crockett	.....	104.06	77.81
Etna	.....	5.84	.....
Eureka	.....	362.97	244.52
Fairfax	.....	25.00	30.75
Ferndale	91.50	347.50	320.88
Fresno, First	.....	811.24	915.33
Pilgrim	.....	200.00	200.00
Glen Ellen	.....	54.05	30.00
Guerneville	.....	.....	15.00
Hayward	.....	200.00	200.00
Kenwood	.....	21.47	22.25
Likely	.....	.....	29.04
Lodi, First	280.00	1,888.78	1,228.25
Loleta	.....	46.85	28.73
Loomis	.....	27.13	43.67
Martinez	.....	278.86	320.21
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Niles	.....	55.00	.....
Oakland, First	.....	3,680.00	4,020.00
Fruitvale	.....	30.00	30.00
Pilgrim	.....	35.00	21.00
Plymouth	195.38	1,003.60	802.96
Orinda	18.00	36.00	.....
Oroville	3.53	209.11	191.29
Pacific Grove	183.96	281.54	226.48
Palo Alto	.....	250.00	600.00
Paradise	25.00	225.00	232.70
Parlier	.....	50.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	73.59	22.25
Pescadero	.....	10.00	.....
Petaluma	134.78	423.15	402.03
Pittsburg	43.85	156.50	119.20
Port Chicago	.....	105.82	8.72
Porterville	.....	400.00	290.00
Redwood City	.....	493.39	565.67
Rio Vista	.....	44.00	14.00
Ripon	.....	179.85	134.12
Sacramento	80.00	720.00	591.97
Salida	.....	65.00	60.00
San Carlos	12.50	128.01	78.90
San Francisco,			
Bethany Msn. Park	135.00	223.00	136.92
Calvary	.....	30.00	.....
First	.....	657.60	1,016.68
Ocean View	.....	80.00	82.00
Richmond	28.00	82.00	135.00
San Jose	36.10	559.84	515.00
San Leandro	14.95	103.15	76.74
San Mateo	300.00	1,167.16	685.81
San Rafael	.....	105.00	40.00
Santa Cruz	75.00	645.00	400.00
Santa Rosa	.....	154.50	113.00
Saratoga	150.45	465.80	448.13
Sebastopol	28.29	245.11	151.31
Sonoma	71.05	113.50	107.24
Soquel	.....	118.00	64.10
Stockton	43.65	431.28	434.35
Suisun	25.00	75.00	50.00
Sunnyvale	.....	50.30	52.00
Tulare	280.00	449.00	259.23
Weaverville	.....	70.00	80.00
Woodside	.....	53.80	26.00
Reno, Nevada	41.20	434.29	352.51
*Miscellaneous and Individual	54.90	1,235.82	963.79
	$3,097.30	$27,045.12	$23,928.06

*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German Churches.

PORTERVILLE. The Church School, which does not meet in the summer, has reopened with a larger attendance than usual. The pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, is chairman of the Inter-Faith Committee, which has arranged for religious instruction on released time for the junior high school.

PARLIER. Rev. N. K. Hachian has closed his work as of October 1. The church is hopeful of securing Rev. A. B. Hussian of Lawrence, Mass., who has been visiting in Fresno.

Laymen's Dinner at State Conference

The Laymen's Commission is sponsoring a laymen's dinner at the State Conference. Laymen will be in charge. Ministers may attend if they maintain silence. Peirce Coombes, attorney of Redwood City and San Francisco, chairman of the Laymen's Commission, will be toastmaster. Lawrence Moore of Piedmont will again stir up our diaphragms with his leadership of community singing (what a time we had last year!). The address of the evening will be delivered by President Lynn T. White, Jr., of Mills College, and his subject will be: "Is There Room for Religion in College Education." George Martin, former moderator, will have something to say about the Unit Plan. There will be special music by a chorus of men of First Church, Oakland —nothing fancy, but just a lot of fellows having a good time. The price of the dinner will be $1.00. Make reservation through your pastor or directly with the office of First Congregational Church, 26th and Harrison Streets, Oakland 12.

Our Representatives

Northern California is now represented on the Boards of our national Societies. Mrs. Scott Haymond and Rev. Sidney Buckham are directors of the Board of Home Missions. Superintendent Gill as one of the vice-presidents of the American Board is a member of the Prudential Committee. Prof. John C. Bennett, so recently one of us, is the new president of the Council for Social Action.

RIPON. The Highroadian Club has furnished a room for its services, with piano and a worship center with altar, Bible, candles, back drapes, and a picture of Christ. There are fifteen members in the newly organized choir of the church, which is under the direction of a member of the music department of the high school. Rev. A. C. Hacke is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A beautiful and commodious manse has been purchased for the minister, Rev. Robert W. Inglis. For several weeks the Inglis family has been compelled to camp in the church. Cottage fellowship meetings, three a week, were held in the homes of the people during September.

MARTINEZ. The young people of the church are sponsoring a fund for chimes to be built into the organ but with amplifier in the tower. "California Golden Sandaled" was the topic for the sermon on Admission Day by the pastor, Rev. T. T. Giffen.

EUREKA. Four churches of the city held union evening services during September. The church has new hymn books. Redecorating and refurnishing has been done in the chapel. Stained glass windows and a carpet are expected soon. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

PETALUMA. Actual construction is under way which will give a new chancel arrangement, new covering for the walls, and much better Sunday School rooms and facilities. The total cost of $10,000 is in sight. Rev. E. F. Ouellette is pastor.

CEDARVILLE. Rev. Terence E. Stoker has completed his summer work and returned to Pacific School of Religion. No leadership is in sight to carry on for the fall and winter months.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Twenty-one members were received into fellowship on World Communion Day. Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. David Stowe are pastors.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

ORINDA. Rev. Palmer D. Williams of National City, California, has been called as pastor and will begin work about November 1. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Pomona College, his father having been for many years Professor of Psychology there. He is also graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary and has been pastor at National City for two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams were student assistants in Chicago churches while they were studying at the Seminary. During their pastorate at National City there has been a substantial increase in members, a lifting of the budget for current expenses and benevolences, and the gathering of a considerable fund for a building project after the war. The Orinda church has tentatively approved plans for its own new building and one of the first tasks facing the church under the leadership of the new pastor will be the raising of funds for the same.

REDWOOD CITY. There was a large attendance at the communion service on October 1, the last one to be held under the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Ward, who will close his work in November. The various departments are heeding his advice to carry on their work efficiently during the interim, if there is one. The committee on pulpit supply is at work. The Church School is growing and the choir has been augmented. Christmas gifts are being prepared for young people in the Services, who number more than eighty.

SANTA CRUZ. Rev. H. S. Mahood has been on vacation. On one Sunday his son, Leland, studying at Chicago Theological Seminary, supplied the pulpit and was greeted by more than 400 members of the congregation. During the summer he had served in Malta, Montana, where 24 new members came into the church. Mrs. Mahood, wife of the pastor, cared for the pulpit one other Sunday, and on still another she exchanged pulpits with the minister of a neighboring church.

NILES. Perhaps by the time this issue of The Pacific reaches its readers this church will have burned its mortgage, clearing up the final indebtedness on the beautiful new plant erected after the disastrous fire a few years ago. Rev. D. Quincy Grabill is pastor.

FAIRFAX. The kindergarten of the public school is meeting in the church building. Fourth and fifth grade pupils are released for weekday religious instruction. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is pastor.

CROCKETT. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson, who has been supplying the church for a month, has been called as pastor, to begin October 1. Mr. Carlson is a graduate of the University of California and of Pacific School of Religion. He was ordained while pastor at Salida, from where he went to New Plymouth, Idaho, and then Aberdeen, Wash. Crockett Church is a federated Congregational and Presbyterian Church. During the pastorate of Rev. Rudolph Caughey there, a beautiful and worshipful church building was erected and entirely paid for. The vote calling Mr. Carlson was unanimous. A great many northern California people will welcome him back to our Conference.

SACRAMENTO. The 95th anniversary of the church was celebrated by a dinner, with Rev. Ray Gibbons of New York as speaker. It was also the occasion of paying the final installment on the church debt. It has taken the church 18 years to clear the heavy obligation incurred for the erection of the present structure in 1926. It has been a long and at times discouraging pull, but during all of the years the use of a superb church plant has been had and the church today has a membership double in number that which was on the roll at the time of dedication. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. An extensive program of renovation, making a thoroughly modern and beautiful kitchen, has been carried out in the parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Rice have met with a very hearty welcome. Thirteen new members have been received. Another lovely stained glass window, the gift of Mrs. P. A. Hawkins as a memorial for her husband, who was a trustee for many years, was recently dedicated. It is a portrayal of Jesus as the Light of the World.

SAN MATEO. Young people from this church were in attendance at three of the youth camps—Loma Mar, Monte Toyon, and Redwood Canyon. Two members of the church have been employed on the staff, Katherine Clifford in charge of Religious Education, and Grace Bielar directing the youth program. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is preaching a series of sermons on "Letters to Seven Churches." A lovely little chapel has been provided for the Junior Department of the Church School. Most of the cost has been borne by the children. It was dedicated at an overflow service on September 24.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, pastor, has announced an expanded Church School program for this year which will provide two sessions, at 9:45 a. m. and 11 a. m. Sunday morning. Regular class periods by departments will be offered during the first hour, and the second hour, during the church service, will be devoted to special projects and activities. This will make it possible for the entire family to attend church at the same time. During the 9:45 o'clock hour parents may attend the two adult classes on world affairs and parent education. During the church service, activity classes will be provided for the children in the two buildings adjacent to the church.

RIO VISTA. There was a total attendance of 115 at a reception and dinner given by the Ladies' Aid and the church to the twenty-four Rio Vista School teachers. A group of women has begun the study of the Home Mission study text book on the American Indian, led by the wife of the pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman. The Pilgrim Fellowship is outlining in detail the program for the next six months, including subjects for discussion, leaders, worship services, recreational periods, and election of officers. There are more boys than girls in the organization by two to one.

SARATOGA. A dedication service for teachers and officers was held on Rally Day Sunday at the hour of morning worship. The church endeavors to make possible at least one evening a week of wholesome, enjoyable recreation. In the call for World Communion Sunday, Rev. Fred R. Morrow pointed out that in the symbol of the Lord's Supper we celebrate the tie with all whom we love who are scattered far and wide, with fellow-followers of Jesus of every age and land, and the future Kingdom of goodwill.

TRINITY COUNTY. The church building at Weaverville has been undergoing repairs for six weeks, and there is also renovation in the parish house, which has made for confusion in trying to conduct services of worship. Rev. P. N. Bennett closes his work on October 15, going to Ferndale, Washington. The good wishes of the people of Trinity County and throughout the Conference will go with him.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. The annual financial canvass in the community for the Fellowship House exceeded the goal by $300. A Leadership Training Course for teachers of the Church School is under way. A church service and picnic were held at John Hinkel Park on September 17. Plans for a new chapel and community center are being carefully started. Rev. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The Sunday School at Angels Camp has shown a decidedly better attendance than in 1943 or 1942. Clothing for Europe is being collected at both Angels Camp and Murphy. Rev. John G. Dickey has had a splendid response from the C.Y.A. Camp at Big Trees and has been urgently invited to visit another such camp at Fricot once a week.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. A visitation was made in September asking members to pledge attendance for six Sundays, beginning with World Communion Day. An almost unbelievable improvement of both the exterior and interior of the building has been made during the first year of the pastorate of Rev. Byron E. Eshelman.

PALO ALTO. The Women's Society had its opening meeting on the 26th, with 110 present, the largest in the history of the Society. Mrs. David Curry of Yosemite Park was the guest of honor. She and her husband were charter members, and Mrs. Curry has continued an active member from that earlier day. She gave a fascinating account of the church's beginnings and its first aid service during the earthquake. Mrs. Robert Adkins read the main paper, giving an excellent account of the conference at San Anselmo. The Church School has been showing an attendance increase of 20 per cent. Rev. Augustine Jones is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes takes up his duties as pastor on the second Sunday of October. Rev. Frank E. Carlson has been supplying the church for six Sundays. The upper portion of the old parish house was destroyed by fire early in September. The damage was so great that it is doubtful whether any attempt will be made to repair the portion that is standing. Insurance was carried but not in an adequate amount. The Church School is being held in the sanctuary and neighboring churches are offering facilities for occasional social gatherings.

ADIN. Under the leadership of Rev. Janie McMillan Lewis and with approval and cooperation of the Conference office, this church is hereafter to be known as the "Adin Community Church." Mrs. Lewis has been called as full-time pastor. Thirteen new members were received at the first service following the announcement of the new plan of organization. Plans are definitely going forward for repair of the building. Regular missionary contributions are to be made. It is expected that there will be delegates in attendance at the State Conference.

SEBASTOPOL. A pretentious and well printed four-page newspaper, entitled "The Congregational Church News," has made its appearance. It contains full announcements of the fall program of every department and of denominational and community plans and gatherings. Sermon subjects in October by Mr. James P. Senter, pastor, will be on "The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ," "The Love of God the Father," and "The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit."

GUERNEVILLE. The church has called a council for the ordination of its pastor, Mr. Henry H. Hayden, for October 9. The exterior of the church building has been painted, also the interior of some of the rooms. A thorough job of cleaning of the Guild Hall and landscaping of exterior has been done by the young people. Average attendance of the teenage boys' class has been sixteen for the past month.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Rev. David Stowe, Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Ralph V. Conard have assisted the pastor, Mr. Eugene Sill, in a Christian crusade, to recruit new leaders and members. Attendance was exceptionally good. The church is calling a council for examination and ordination of Mr. Sill, to be held on October 24.

A Thought for the Month

By REV. STEWART E. LOCKE, TULARE

No service of worship is quite complete which does not celebrate the transiency of life. Isaiah's vision of the coming "glory of the Lord" is followed by a feeling grounded deep in our nature as finite creatures. "All flesh is grass, and the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field." Life here is not permanent. It is transient at best. Nor is that a reason for sadness.

One of the strangest verses in the Bible is that verse from the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Well, there is a certain blessedness in the realization and glad acceptance of the fact that life is transient, that what satisfies us today leaves us empty-hearted tomorrow.

I asked a group of 14-year-olds in a Sunday School class what they once liked and no longer cared for. One of them, a girl, spoke up and said, "Paper dolls." That is symbolic, isn't it? Sooner or later everything we do in this life and find so fascinating the first time becomes as paper dolls to us. Blessed are they who discover early in life that there is but one thing that lasts and that is the Spirit of Christ.

For that reason we celebrate the transiency of life in our service of worship. The emphasis is upon the word: "celebrate." ..It is our Fate to grow old and die? We will outrun Fate! Bach's "Come, Sweet Death" represents the completion of this mood.

"All flesh is grass. . . The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOREVER!"

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

No separate Federation meeting this month. Attend every meeting of the conference that you possibly can—October 17, 18, 19—in the First Church, Oakland. Women's luncheon Thursday, October 19, at 12:30. Price per plate, 75 cents. Be sure to send reservations directly to the church in advance, and secure tickets immediately upon reaching the church.

ASSOCIATION RALLIES

This issue of "The Pacific," insofar as the women's column is concerned, is in the hands of the Associations who have had their regional meetings in September. Your editor is most grateful to the Association Presidents who have, almost without exception, sent in prompt and full reports.

Before considering these in detail, there is a report from the Reading List Chairman, Mrs. Philip Greisinger, which belongs to all of us, since it is, for many, now that getting to the Federation meetings becomes increasingly difficult, the only means of keeping up with the new books added from time to time to the accredited list. Mrs. Greisinger says that among the books which will appear on the November supplementary list are: "The Great Answer," by Margaret Lee Runbeck; "No Matter Where," by Helen Hiett; ". . . and God Was There," by Chaplain Eben. Cobb Brink; "Freedom Road," by Howard Fast; "Woodrow Wilson," by Gerald W. Johnson; "Yankee from Olympus," by Catherine Drinker Bowen; "Anna and the King of Siam," by Margaret Landon; and "Heaven Below," by E. H. Clayton. Certain changes have been made in the requirements for qualification as Reading List members. Group A comprises readers who read at least four books from the current lists, of which two must be from Sec. I-III. In this group are the Honor Roll members who read eight or more books of which four must be from Sec. I-III. Group B comprises those who read at least four books from the current lists, but do not fulfill the other requirement of Group A. Local Reading-List chairmen will report to the Federation Chairman, Mrs. Greisinger, once a year, by April 1.

Two of the Associations, Upper Bay and Sacramento, reported special interest in the Reading Lists and in mission study. Mrs. E. T. Sherman, President of Upper Bay, said that books were being read, book reviews being given, and study groups formed. Mrs. H. N. Dyke, President of Sacramento, was even more enthusiastic, saying that she could hardly get her women away from the literature table in time for the afternoon meeting.

Upper Bay churches reported damage from the Port Chicago explosion. In Port Chicago, itself, where the damage was naturally the worst, Mrs. N. F. Sanderson, wife of the pastor, stated that Supt. Harley H. Gill and other friends were on the scene almost at once, and helped to clear up the debris, so that church services were held there without interruption. She also spoke appreciatively of the gifts sent by many of the northern California churches.

Both Central and Bay Associations had reports from the M.E.M. Conference at San Anselmo in July. Others may have done so, too. It is an admirable plan, for the opportunities at San Anselmo are rare, and reports from them should whet the appetites of others to share in these. Central, like a number of other Associations, had a smaller attendance than formerly, but San Joaquin had representatives from every church. Santa Clara, whose meeting was at Saratoga—beautiful, but difficult of access by public conveyance—was almost entirely dependent on private cars. One woman remarked: "We only invited the ones who were thin, so we could squeeze in a lot."

Many of the Associations had some special plan or accomplishment to tell about. In the San Joaquin Association, the Fresno women have named each of the Circles in their organization for an Indian tribe, and the women are reported full of enthusiasm over their programs. They should be. Several groups in that Association have invested in war bonds, to be used for improvements after the war need is over. Double-barreled action, we should say! The hostess church for the Association meeting—Pilgrim Congregational—had recently had the celebration of their 40th anniversary, complete with cake and candles. The Pilgrim Guild of the Sacramento Church has gone out to Kohler Field every two weeks during the summer, and has shortened or lengthened trousers, sewed on buttons and chevrons, cut and made 113 pairs of curtains for the mess halls, and finished 1451 garments, use unspecified. You may remember that last year the Rio Vista church (Upper Bay) decided to omit their usual "Harvest Festival." It is back on their calendar this year, however, and we hope it will be as rewarding as usual.

A year ago Miss Maryette Lum was a speaker at the Santa Clara Association meeting. Four months later she had died. A Memorial Fund was started by friends, the proceeds of which are to be given to the Chinese girls of the colleges of Free China. Nothing could more completely have met her wishes. The women of this Association had felt a special interest in her work, and brought in over $80.00 toward the Memorial Fund at their September meeting this year.

Several of the Associations have changed their officers this year. San Joaquin Association will go forward with Mrs. Louise Janjigian of the Pilgrim Church as President, and Mrs. Habib of the same church as Secretary. Mrs. Verdette Walters will be the new President of Upper Bay, with Mrs. Archie Skewis as Vice-President. Mrs. Howard Clewett of Paradise will be the new President of the Sacramento Association. Some of these will not be installed until the January meeting.

All Associations spoke of the help and inspiration brought to them by our State President, Mrs. Scott Haymond, and Mrs. E. E. McClintock of the Missions Council. We are more than glad that Mrs. McClintock will be our speaker at the women's luncheon on October 19, held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference. Let us give her a rousing welcome, with the largest attendance we have had at such a meeting.

Of the many fine and interesting things sent in to your editor this month, one sentence stands out above all others: "A few groups in the Association (San Joaquin) are bravely facing discouragement —and going ahead." That needs no comment.

EVANGELISM

The Commission on Evangelism has published an exceedingly valuable pamphlet on "It is time to re-think Evangelism." Pastors should use it. Hugh Vernon White says, "I have read it with complete approval. You have put your finger on the point of greatest weakness and greatest need of the church today. I hope this vigorous presentation of the need has wide reading."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Cooperative Leadership Training

Many of our Church Schools in larger communities are cooperating and taking the lead in interdenominational leadership training schools, to make good teachers better and to give an opportunity for training for those who could and should be helping in the Church School. A ten-day laboratory school this summer at San Anselmo, sponsored by the Northern California Council of Churches, was of great value for those who could attend. If your area has a training school this fall, be sure it gets full support.

Regular Staff Meetings in Every Church Is Goal

To make Christian Education fully effective, no annual shot-in-the-arm can take the place of consistent, patient, aggressive improvement and outreach. This requires frequent planning and self-examination. Does your church school have a staff meeting every month? Does it adopt specific goals? Does every member of the church know what is happening in the church school, and why? Did you attend the last open house or special program?

Visual Education News

An interdenominational depository for religious films and kodachrome slides is being developed through the Y.M.C.A. in San Francisco, ready to serve churches in this area. Such films as "King of Kings" are available there in 16 mm. This film, for example, a two-hour picture, rents for $15 silent or $20 sound. The new set of Cathedral films, including a variety of New Testament stories and parables, are made by a professional Hollywood cast, and are being used increasingly by our churches.

Six new sets of kodachrome slides are now available through the Conference office, at the usual rental fee of 50 cents per showing, plus transportation both ways. They are: "For All of Life," with 50 slides; "God's Colors," with 34 slides; "How Children Learn," black and white, with 30 slides; "Improving Your Teaching," "Ninth Grade Girls Learn About Christian Symbols," with 12 slides, and "Visit Foochow," with 51 slides. Reservations will be observed in the order of their arrival.

Pastors Play

A fine group of Bay Association pastors with their families responded to an invitation by Ralph V. Conard and Robert W. Inglis for an evening of fellowship and fun at Plymouth Church, Oakland, on September 18. After a sumptuous potluck dinner and introductions, good use was made of the facilities of Plymouth Church, with old and young, dads and kids, mothers and daughters enjoying an evening of play together.

MRS. MILLACENT PALMER YARROW

Mrs. Millacent Palmer Yarrow, widow of the Rev. Sidney R. Yarrow, who held several pastorates in California, passed away on September 25 while on her way to California. Mrs. Yarrow served for a time in Turkey as missionary of the American Board, and more recently has been working on relocation of Japanese in the East. Mrs. Yarrow is the sister of Rev. Burton M. Palmer of Woodside.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. $4,000.00 has been paid on the church debt this year. Rev. Robert L. Warren is pastor.

HAYWARD. Eden Church held a most successful rummage sale during September, netting $338. The last week of the month was spent in collecting clothing for the UNRA drive, in which all departments of the church contributed to a successful effort. A check for $200 was sent for the work of the Committee for War Victims and Services and $50 contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church at Port Chicago. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is pastor.

BENICIA. Twenty different people have worked 208 hours on the chancel. An excellent chairman for the annual financial canvass has been appointed. The pastor, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, is sending out 300 parish letters twice a month.

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